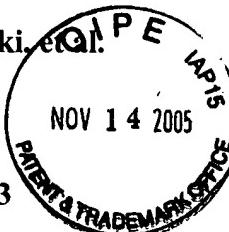


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time

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of [X] one month \$ 120.00	[ ] one month \$ 60.00
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is hereby requested to extend the period for responding to: Final Office Action to file an RCE from October 13, 2005 to November 13, 2005.

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